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*Internal Security
Subcommittee*

28 May 1952

Memorandum for: Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Invitation from the McCarran Committee.

1. On 27 May Mr. Morris, Counsel for the Internal Security Subcommittee of the Senate Judiciary Committee, called Legislative Counsel to extend an invitation to the DCI to appear before the Committee on Thursday, 29 May. He stated that a similar invitation had been sent to Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

2. The Committee wished to have unclassified testimony on the subject of agents -- namely, that if a person were a good agent he should be able to live his cover perfectly and in such a manner that he could not be detected as an agent, and furthermore that he would carry no documents on his person which could identify him in an agent capacity.

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5. In connection with the invitation to Adm. Hillenkoetter, the Committee, I believe, has issued a subpoena on Adm. Fechteler to direct Adm. Hillenkoetter's presence at the hearing, and Adm. Hillenkoetter will arrive in Washington sometime this afternoon. He is desirous of calling on General Smith and Mr. Dulles to pay his respects and to secure any guidance which they may wish to give him. He therefore desires an appointment for late this afternoon.

6. Insofar as an invitation to the DCI or his representative is concerned, Mr. Sourwine informed me that he felt failure on the Committee's part to invite the DCI would have been an insult in view of the subject matter and the presence of Mr. Hoover, but he does understand our reluctance to testify. The McCarran Committee has been extremely helpful to CIA in the past, and only yesterday agreed to accept two CIA amendments to the immigration bill. However, while it might be a helpful gesture to authorize someone to testify before the Committee on Thursday, the fact that this hearing seems to be taking on the appearance of a Roman carnival would make it advisable for CIA to adhere to its usual position and respectfully decline the invitation.

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